

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING  
AND SOLICITING MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, PROTESTS, AND COMMENTS

(March 16, 2001)

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Type of Application: Preliminary Permit
- b. Project No.: 11880-000
- c. Date filed: February 6, 2001
- d. Applicant: Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise of the Colorado River Water Conservation District
- e. Name of Project: Ritschard Dam Project
- f. Location: On Muddy Creek and Wolford Mountain Reservoir, in Grand County, Colorado. Project would utilize land administered by the Bureau of Land Management.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC §§791(a) - 825(r).
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. R. Eric Kuhn, General Manager, Colorado River Water Conservation District, 201 Centennial Street, Suite 200, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, (970) 945-8522
- i. FERC Contact: Robert Bell, (202) 219-2806.
- j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests and comments: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. *(May 15, 2001)*

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. Comments, recommendations, interventions, and protests, may be electronically filed via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. Description of Project: The proposed project would consist of: (1) an existing 1,900-foot-long, 145-foot-high central impervious core earth-rock filled dam; (2) an existing reservoir having a surface area of 1,550 acres with a storage capacity of 65,985 acre-feet and a normal water surface elevation of 7,489 feet msl; (3) a proposed 800-foot-long, 96-inch-diameter steel penstock; (4) a proposed powerhouse containing one generating unit with an installed capacity of 840 kW; (5) a proposed 400-foot-long 115 kV Transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

The project would have an annual generation of 4 GWh that would be sold to a local utility.

l. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202)208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

m. Preliminary Permit -- Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

n. Preliminary Permit -- Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

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**o. Notice of intent** – A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

**p. Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit** – A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

**q. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene** – Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

**r. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents** – Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

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s. Agency Comments -- Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.  
Acting Secretary



# COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

*Protecting Western Colorado Water Since 1937*

March 19, 2001

Director, Bureau of Land Management  
Branch of Lands  
Attn: FERC Withdrawal Recordation  
7450 Boston Blvd.  
Springfield, VA 22153

Project No. 11880-000-Colorado  
Ritschard Dam Project  
Colorado River Water Project Enterprise  
Of the Colorado River Water Conservation District

Dear Sir:

The Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise of the Colorado River Water Conservation District has filed a preliminary permit application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding a hydroelectric power unit at the existing Ritschard Dam in Grand County, Colorado. We were informed by Mr. Robert Bell of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by mail on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2001 to supply your agency with a copy of the permit application. Enclosed is a copy of the accepted application and the letter request from Mr. Bell. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. James Pearce at (970) 945-8522.

Sincerely,

R. Eric Kuhn  
General Manager

Enclosures  
cc) w/out Enclosures  
Michael McCarty, Esq.  
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Robert Bell, FERC

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